

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE IS FEARED

**Terrific Gale Raging Off the Hol-
cut Coast, England, Early
This Morning.**

JAPANESE SHIP SENT ON ROCKS

**Believed That All of Her Crew and
Passengers Were Taken Off—
Steamships Flying Signals of Dis-
tress and the Life Saving Service is
Hard at Work.**

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 28.—A terrific gale
is raging late tonight off Holland and
a number of vessels are reported in
distress. The life saving service is
busy in the work of rescue. The Japanese
liner Awa Maru, from Antwerp
for Middlesborough, ran on the rocks
off Red Car.
The life boats reached here after
great difficulty and according to the
latest reports almost all of her crew
of 120 men and the two passengers
on board were landed safely after sev-
eral hours hard work.
It is believed that many lives will
be lost.

BESIEGED NEGRO BURNED TO DEATH

**Was Wanted for Attempting Murder
and Colored Men, Aided the
White Posse.**

(By Associated Press.)
SELMA, ALA., Dec. 27.—Two white
men have been badly injured, two ne-
groes killed and a third negro wound-
ed in a shooting scrape near Nichol-
asville, Marengo county. Alexander
Jones, a young negro shot and wound-
ed another negro during a crap game.
Jones fled and barricaded himself in
his house. Leo Pope and Zeke Pope,
white men, arrested Jones when the
negro opened fire, wounding both. A
crowd of white men gathered and ef-
forts were made to drive the young
negro from his house. Bob Jones, father
of Alexander Jones, tried to carry
ammunition to his son, but was shot
dead. Several negroes joined the be-
sieging party and one negro for a re-
ward of \$5 crept up to the house and
set fire to it. Alexander Jones never
left the house and was burned to death
in the flames. There was not the
slightest rupture between the races,
whites and blacks joining in the at-
tempt to capture the negro.

LYNCHING BEE WAS NARROWLY AVERTED

**Negro Murderer at Springfield, S. C.,
Rushed Off to Jail and
Thus Saved.**

(By Associated Press.)
AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 27.—A special
from Springfield, S. C., says:
"Following the killing of Tiney
Chavis, a white man, by Stephen
Clements, a negro, a lynching was
averted here yesterday by the negro
being rushed to the Branwell jail.
Chavis went to the negro's house to
collect a small debt when he was
pushed out of the door and shot
to death in the yard. Further
serious trouble was narrowly averted
at the preliminary trial when a mu-
latto by the name of Livingston
from New York, forced his way
into the trial and began questioning
the witnesses. He was roughly
handled by friends of Chavis, sus-
taining a severely bruised head and
a broken arm."

Leberg is Lynched.
(By Associated Press.)
PUEBLO, COL., Dec. 27.—Lawrence
Leberg was lynched at Las Animas
at 9 o'clock tonight by a mob of masked
men. Last night he murdered a farmer.

Bystanders Were Wounded.
(By Associated Press.)
LAKE CHARLES, LA., Dec. 27.—
Sug Riley shot and killed today John
Winnfield, at a turpentine camp. Three
negroes who watched the duel were
wounded. Riley was arrested.

SAYS HE WILL TIE-UP ALL HARRIMAN ROADS

**Striking Firemen of the Southern
Pacific Claim to Have Strong
Backing.**

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, TEX., Dec. 27.—The
Southern Pacific officials here today
declared the firemen's strike was
virtually broken. All trains are ar-
riving practically on time and freight
is being accepted as usual. The fire-
men, through Joseph Bedford, griev-
ance chairman of this district, de-
clared that they can and will tie

up the Harriman and connecting sys-
tem completely. He said: "We
have assurance of support from
the Brotherhood of Railway Train-
men, the order of Railway Conduc-
tors and the Order of Railroad
Telegraphers."

FAMILY PRIDE LEAD TO STARVATION

**Mother Found Dead and Husband
and Children in Fearfully
Emaciated Condition.**

(By Associated Press.)
PLEASANTVILLE, N. J., Dec. 27.—
Mrs. Fredrick Roehr was found dead
in her home here today, a victim of
starvation. Neighbors had seen
nothing of the family for several
days and when they investigated
they found the husband and four
children huddled in a corner of
the room in an emaciated condition
while Mrs. Roehr was dead in a
chair. The husband had been too
ill to work and the family would
not ask for aid because of pride.

FURTHER INQUIRY INTO BROWNSVILLE RIOT

**Special Envoys Sent by President
Roosevelt Begin Work of
Taking Testimony.**

(By Associated Press.)
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, Dec. 27.—
N. Purdy, assistant United States
Attorney General, accompanied by
Major Augustus Blockson, of the
inspector general's department and
W. Merchie, a confidential law clerk
to Secretary of War Taft and an
official stenographer, arrived today
to begin investigation into the recent
riot. Only four witnesses were ex-
amined today, and it will probably
require several weeks to complete
the inquiry. The examination is
conducted privately, the witnesses
being admitted singly and their
sworn statements taken.

Bishop Smith Dead.
(By Associated Press.)
ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 27.—
Bishop A. Coke Smith of the Metho-
dist Episcopal church died tonight
after a lingering illness. He was
57 years old.

Sails for Hampton Roads.
(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 27.—The
battleship Missouri, Captain Ed-
wards C. Pendleton, sailed from the
Charleston navy yard today.

REEKING IN TRAGEDIES

**Two Murders, Three Deaths by
Accident, and One Suicide.**

ALL WERE REPORTED TO ATLANTA

**Game of Cards at Lancaster, S. C.,
Leads to a Murder, and the Kind
Heartedness of a Sheriff Causes
a Jail Delivery.**

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 27.—Today's
dispatches of holidays tragedies in
and near Georgia contained the
news of two murders, three deaths
by accident, one suicide and a jail
delivery.

Doc Rogers and Charlie Webb,
young men, quarreled in Aiken
county, S. C., during which difficulty
Webb was shot. Louis Heath and
Jake Hagins quarreled at Lancaster,
S. C., last night over a game of
cards. Heath was shot and killed.
Charles Jones, aged 27, is dead at
Sand Mountain, Ala., as the result
of an accidental discharge of a
gun while out hunting. Parker
Knight, aged 14, while out hunting
with a crowd of boys near Harley-
ville, S. C., was accidentally shot
and killed. H. D. Smith fell down
stairs in boarding house on As-
sembly street, Columbia, S. C., and
broke his neck. His home was in
Lexington county, S. C. Mrs. C. C.
Vincent blew out her brains with
a revolver at Vincent, Shelby county,
Ala. She left a husband and three
children. Sheriff Davis at Wrights-
ville, Ga., allowed the prisoners to
come into the corridors to keep
warm last night. They picked a
hole through the wall and escaped.
Among them was William McMillan
sentenced for life for murder.

Two More Insurance Indictments?
(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—It was re-
ported tonight that the grand jury
today voted indictments against two
men as a result of the life insurance
inquiry. It was rumored that forgery
in the third degree would be the
charge.

Fire Chief Drops Dead.
(By Associated Press.)
CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 27.—Fire
Chief O. G. Marjenshoff, head of fire
department, dropped dead tonight at
his home after a battle with a trou-
blesome fire. He was about sixty years
of age. He leaves a large family.

SAID CHILD WAS HEIR TO THOUSANDS

**Five Year Old Boy, Alleged to be
Son of George Pullman,
Found Half Starved.**

MOTHER HAS HAD VARIED CAREER

**She Was Stenographer to Clara Bar-
ton, Late Head of the Red Cross
Society, But Was Dismissed and
Expelled from Cuba by General
Fitzhugh Lee.**

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Acting on
an anonymous letter agents of the
Children's society today found a five
year old boy named Edmund Pullman
half starved, wrapped in rags on the
top floor of a tenement house in West
Twenty-eighth street. The child's
mother, who called herself Lillian
Pullman, was taken to the Children's
court, where she declared the boy was
her to \$50,000. She said she had
been married to George H. Pullman,
whom she declared was a son of the
palace car man and that they had
lived in Baltimore before coming to
New York.

Before the birth of the boy, Pull-
man, she said, arranged a trust fund
for him of \$50,000, which he was to
have upon reaching the age of 21
years. Later she had obtained a di-
vorce from Pullman.

The mother was released, but the
boy was held in the custody of the
society for further investigation.
It is stated that the woman is Lil-
lian Mason, daughter of Samuel A.
Mason, a physician, of this city. She
was about ten years ago a stenog-
rapher in the employ of the National
Red Cross society and accompanied
Miss Clara Barton, head of that or-
ganization, to Armenia and to Cuba.
George H. Pullman, said to be a
nephew of the palace car man, was
secretary of the society at that time
and Lillian Mason alleged that he
married her in 1897. Subsequently,
however, he opposed this claim in
the courts. Meantime the woman was
dismissed from the Red Cross service
and was sent back to this country
from Cuba by General Fitzhugh Lee.

CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE CAUSES DEATH

**Children's Efforts to Light Candles
Leads to Fatal and Also
Serious Results.**

(By Associated Press.)
WOODBURY, N. J., Dec. 27.—
Mrs. P. H. Abbott, was burned to
death today in a fire that de-
stroyed the home of her son-in-law
Lewis P. Starr, prosecutor of the
pleas of Camden county. The fire was
started by children who were try-
ing to light candles on a Christmas
tree. In trying to rescue Mrs. Starr,
sustained painful burns and Alexander
L. Rogers who was a guest at the
house fell from a ladder and broke
his leg.

EDWARD H. THOMSON DEAD IN BALTIMORE

**One of the Leading Citizens of the
Monumental City Victim of
Indigestion.**

(By Associated Press.)
BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 27.—
Edward H. Thomson, president of the
Maryland National bank and senior
member of the firm of Edward H.
Thomson and Sons, bankers and
brokers, of this city, died suddenly
today of acute indigestion at his
home here. He was about 50 years
of age. Mr. Thomson also was pre-
sident of the National Compress
company, a director of the Internat-
ional Trust company, the Savings
Bank of Baltimore and the American
Bonding company.

Russian Counsel Commits Suicide.
(By Associated Press.)
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—The Rus-
sian consul here, Colonel DeGymann,
was found dead in bed this morning
having been killed by a pistol shot.
It was a case of suicide.

Coal Rates Reduced.
(By Associated Press.)
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 27.—
The state railroad and Warehouse
commission today ordered reductions
in the rates on coal from Duluth to
various points in the state as a result
of the recent hearings on the alleged
unreasonableness of the rates. The
rate on hard coal from Duluth to St.
Paul and Minneapolis was reduced
from \$1.25 to \$1.10, soft coal from 90
to 88 cents per ton. Corresponding
reductions were made to other points
in the state.

YAQUI INDIANS ON THE WAR PATH

**Attacking Small Stations on the
Southern Pacific and Mas-
sacring Inhabitants,**

STURDY DEFENSE OF AMERICANS

**Fifteen Mexicans and Several Amer-
icans Known to Have Been Killed
—The Attacking Party Consists of
One Hundred Warriors and They
are Well Armed.**

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, TEXAS, Dec. 27.—A
special from Nogales Mexico today
says: "Details are arriving here
of the butchery of a party of Mexi-
cans by Yaqui Indians near Valen-
cia, sixty miles below Guaymas.
Eleven Mexicans and one Ameri-
can were killed. There were over
a hundred Indians in the attacking
party. Employees of the Southern
Pacific railroad in that section are
frightened."

Colonel H. B. Maxom, vice presi-
dent of the National Irrigation Con-
gress and secretary of the Board
of Education of Reno, Nev., who has
been spending two weeks in the
State of Sonora, Mexico, arrived
here yesterday with a story of a
massacre of Mexicans and Ameri-
cans which occurred at the junction
of Little Lanco and Yaqui rivers late
Saturday afternoon. The town of
Lanco was burned and four Mexi-
cans and Americans killed. Station Agent
Thompson and his wife defended
doors of the station until a work
train approached, when the Indians
withdrew.

At another station, a few miles
distant, the scene was duplicated.
Four more dead bodies of Americans
and Mexicans killed. Station Agent
the tracks. The little band at this
station had been able, however, to
repulse the attack of the Yaquis
with the loss of four of their num-
ber.

Americans Said to be Safe.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Dec. 27.—Me-
gre details received today of the Ya-
qui Indian outbreak on Saturday and
Lanco, Mexico, on the Yaqui river
and Pacific railway, in which eight
Mexicans were killed and several
houses were burned say that no
Americans were killed.
Reports from the same vicinity tell
of murders and outrages perpetrated
by the Yaquis Thursday and Friday
nights. The victims were all Mexi-
cans. The band of outlaw Indians is
said to number about 100 bucks. Ru-
mors of their depredations were rife
on Saturday when many ranchers fled
to the towns for safety.

About 25 men under foreman
Thompson are employed at Lanco en-
gaged in boring wells. No sentries
had been posted and the first intima-
tion of attack was a volley of rifle
shots fired into the tent house. Im-
mediately afterwards the houses were
set on fire.

The Yaquis shot at the frightened
Mexicans who were trying to escape.
Reports say that in addition to eight
men killed, a number of Mexicans
were wounded.

At the time when the residents of
the camp including Thompson and his
American wife, seemed doomed, the
whistle of a work train was heard
and few minutes later the train pull-
ed into the station.

The crew of the train went to the
assistance of the people at the sta-
tion and the Indians took flight. Mex-
ican troops are now in pursuit and it
is believed that the Indians will be
run down and captured. Soldiers are
rushing to the troubled district in
large numbers as the government is
determined to make short work of the
marauders.

NEGRO SOLDIER GRABS WOMAN ON STREET

**Was a Member of the Notorious
Twenty-fifth Infantry Now
at El Reno.**

(By Associated Press.)
EL RENO, OKLA., Dec. 27.—A
negro soldier assaulted Mrs. T. S.
Clifford, wife of a prominent phys-
ician of this place, this afternoon near
the Rock Island station. Great ex-
citement prevails and there is talk
of lynching on every hand. Hundreds
of men are searching for the as-
sailant.

Mrs. Clifford and her sister, Mrs.
S. H. Clarke, were attempting to
pass a negro soldier of the Twenty-
fifth Infantry when he viciously
grabbed Mrs. Clifford around the
waist and threw her into the street,
exclaiming that the sidewalk be-
longed to him. Mrs. Clarke scream-
ed and the assailant fled. The news
spread fast and the entire police
department reinforced by several
hundred men and boys scoured the

town and surrounding county but
this evening the chase was given
up. The negro was in uniform and
must return to the post or become
a deserter. Word was sent to Fort
Reno and all absentees were noted.
Both Mrs. Clifford and her sister
are positive they can identify the
man and will go to Fort Reno to-
morrow and attempt to find him
among the soldiers who were out
of post today when the assault oc-
curred.

RACE WAR AT SCOOPA SEEMS TO HAVE ENDED

**Governor Vardaman Leaves the
Town But Stations Twenty Sol-
diers to Maintain Peace.**

(By Associated Press.)
MERIDAN, MISS., Dec. 27.—The
citizens of Scooba, represented by a
committee, headed by Mayor Quarles,
called on Governor Vardaman who
is in personal charge of the situa-
tion and an understanding was
reached with the committee resulting
in 20 soldiers from Jackson under
command of Adjutant Arthur Friedge
being left at Scooba in charge of
the situation. All of the other
soldiers including the governor and
his party, returned to Meridan late
this evening. The body of a negro
was found today in the woods near
this place, but is believed he had
been dead several days. There is
a feeling of suppressed excitement
but further trouble is not expected.

Vardaman Wants Men Captured.

MERIDAN, MISS., Dec. 27.—Gov-
nor Vardaman tonight announced that
he will exhaust every means to cap-
ture and punish the alleged murderers
of the Nicholas negro. He offers a
reward for the arrest of Ernest Bryan,
Hal Byrd and Dan Kerr, who are sus-
pected of having something to do with
the Nicholas murder. Jim Hunter,
Cleveland Marshall and Tom Mar-
shall, negroes, all heavily armed were
arrested at the Union passenger sta-
tion here tonight.

Fatally Burned on Parole.

DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 27.—Jim
Moss, a negro, who was serving six
months sentence in jail for steal-
ing a cow, lies at the hospital here
at the point of death from burns
received while intoxicated on parole.
His body was found burning in a
field where he had fallen asleep.

BRYAN IS A CANDIDATE

**The Great Nebraska Commoner
Says he Wouldn't Decline.**

WANTS SENATOR STONE CHAIRMAN

**Favors the Missouri Man for the
Leadership of the Democratic
National Committee if He is the
Nominee for President.**

(By Associated Press.)
TOPEKA, KA., Dec. 27.—In an
interview today William J. Bryan
virtually admitted that he would be
a candidate for the presidential
nomination before the next Democ-
ratic national convention. "Wh-
have not yet announced that I would
be a candidate," said Mr. Bryan.
"I have not stated that I would
not be a candidate. Such a high
honor as the presidential nomina-
tion is something that no American
should decline." He said there was
foundation for the story that if
nominated he favored the selection
of Senator William J. Stone of Mis-
souri, as chairman of the Democratic
National Committee.

GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT WHISKEY IS

**Secretary Wilson to Take Trip to Bal-
timore to Talk It Over With
Booze Producers.**

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—
Secretary Wilson of the Department
of Agriculture and George F. McCabe,
of the legal department, will go to
Baltimore tomorrow to visit some of
the distilleries there with a view of
ascertaining at first hand, the methods
of distillers in the manufacture of
whiskey. "I want to know," said Mr.
Wilson today, "just how these various
articles are made, what they contain
and how the manufacturers think they
ought to be labelled. We are simply
in quest of information that will en-
able us to frame proper regulations and
determine upon labels that will meet
the requirements of the law."
It is likely that the regulations of
the department respecting whiskey
will not be issued for some time, al-
though the pure food law will become
effective on January 1st next. The
secretary says he is determined to
know all about the subject before pro-
mulgating the regulations and fixing
the labels.

MRS. TRAUTMAN NOT THIEF, SAYS JUDGE

**New York Police Treat a Good
Woman in a Most In-
famous Manner.**

IS WIFE OF PROMINENT DOCTOR

**Was Accused by a Man of Stealing
\$1,300, But the Testimony Against
Her Was of So Flimsy Character
That She Was Discharged—Case At-
tracts Widespread Attention.**

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—One of the
most remarkable and distressing cases
of mistaken identity ever brought be-
fore the courts in this city, reached
its climax today when the victim, Mrs.
Alexander Trautman, the wife of a
prominent physician, was honorably
discharged after a hearing in police
court. A moment after Mrs. Trautman
had been given her liberty, her ac-
cuser, Peter J. Hogan, a clerk, was
placed under arrest on a charge of as-
sault preferred by Mrs. Trautman.

Mrs. Trautman told of meeting Ho-
gan in the street on Monday when he
seized her, accused her of theft and
threatened to strike her in the face
if she tried to get away from him.
At the police station she was badly
treated. The police sergeant seemed
to think the matter a joke, although
she declared she was innocent. She
said she was kept in a cell for four
hours.

The evidence against Mrs. Traut-
man was of no flimsy nature that
Magistrate Finn dismissed the com-
plaint without the formality of bring-
ing the most important witness into
the court room.

The case has attracted wide at-
tention because of the social prominence
of Mrs. Trautman and as showing the
indignities to which an innocent woman
may be subjected on the accusa-
tion of persons who may or may not
be responsible.

Hogan, who is a clerk, seized Mrs.
Trautman roughly by the arm while
she was looking at a show window,
asked if she knew him, threatened
her with physical violence and ended
by calling on a policeman to arrest
her. His story was that on Saturday
evening he was met on the street by
two women, one of whom led him into
the hallway and put her arms around
his neck. When he managed to free
himself from the woman, who he de-
clared, to be Mrs. Trautman, Hogan
said he found \$1,300 taken from his
pocket book. Mrs. Trautman was
taken to a police station and after be-
ing questioned as her name, resi-
dence, etc., was committed to a cell
in which were several dissolute wom-
en. A considerable time elapsed before
she was permitted to communicate
with her friends who procured her re-
lease on bail.

CALL FOR CONFERENCE OF COTTON HANDLERS

**Growers and Manufacturers Asked to
Meet in Some Southern City
Next Year.**

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 27.—A call
for a second conference of the grow-
ers of cotton of this country and the
cotton manufacturers has been sent out
by James R. McColl, the president of
the National Association of Cotton
Manufacturers. The conference will
be held for the general discussion of
the cotton situation for the purpose of
bringing about closer union and un-
derstanding between the growers and
users. Among the organizations in-
vited to take part in the conference,
which President McColl suggests be
held in some Southern city in October
1917, are the Southern Cotton Associa-
tion, Farmers Mutual Co-operative
Union, National Ginners' Association,
American Cotton Manufacturers, Na-
tional Association of Manufacturers
and National Federation of Master
Cotton Spinners, and Manufacturers' Association.

PEDDLER BEATEN TO DEATH BY NEGROES

**Committed the Crime at Dendron
While Drunk and One Makes
His Escape.**

(Special to The Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 27.—A
Syrian peddler, name unknown,
whose home is in Petersburg, was
beaten to death last night at Dend-
ron by two negroes, both of whom
were drunk. When found the ped-
ler had \$1.50 in cash on his person
Arthur Davis, one of the negroes
responsible for the death, was cap-
tured. The other succeeded in mak-
ing his escape. A \$50 reward for
his apprehension has been offered
by a brother of the dead man.